



Security Accreditation Decision Letter
October 31, 2005

From: Stephen Timchak
ACES Designated Approving Authority

Monette Respress Mitretek Systems Inc.
Agency Information Security Officer

Stephen Duncan
ACES Program Manager/Owner

Subject: Security Accreditation Decision for Operational Research Consultants (ORC)
Access Certificates for Electronic Services (ACES) Certification Authority (CA)

After reviewing the Mitretek Systems, Inc., January 2005 (regarding FBCA compliance) and June 2005 (regarding Federal Common Policy Framework compliance) audit reports of the ACES CA operated by ORC in Fairfax, VA, I have determined that the risk to agency operations, agency assets, and individuals resulting from the continuing operation of the ORC ACES CA is acceptable. Accordingly, I am issuing an Authority to Operate (ATO) the ORC ACES CA in its existing operating environment. The ORC ACES CA is accredited to continue operating without any significant restrictions or limitations. This security accreditation is my formal declaration that the ORC ACES CA:

- Is being operated in substantial compliance with the requirements of the ACES Program Certificate Policy and contract;
- Has implemented adequate security controls; and

Has achieved a satisfactory level of security.

This ATO will remain in effect as long as:

- The required annual independent audit reports for the ORC ACES CA are submitted to this office as required;
- The vulnerabilities reported during continuous monitoring of the ORC ACES CA do not result in additional agency-level or other risk that is deemed unacceptable; and



GSA Federal Technology Service

The ORC ACES CA has not exceeded the maximum allowable time period between security accreditations, in accordance with federal and/or GSA policy.

A copy of this letter, with all supporting security certification and accreditation documentation shall be retained in accordance with the GSA's record retention schedule.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen A. Timchak".

Stephen A. Timchak
ACES Designated Approving Authority